

Mine Reclamation Photo Contest

Do you have some great before-and-after mine reclamation photos? If you do, please submit them for our **Mine Reclamation Photo Contest**. The purpose of this contest is to recognize outstanding photographic imagery of mine reclamation projects in California. The contest will also help OMR develop a library of such images for presentations and publications.

Photo Contest Rules:

1. One photo must have been taken sometime during mining disturbance, the other must be taken from the same spot after reclamation. If applicable, a third photo may be submitted to show subsequent development of the site. Both photos should clearly illustrate and contrast the before and after stages of mine reclamation. There is no limit to the number of entries per person, but **no more than three photos may be submitted per site**.
2. Photos must be submitted as digital files on a CD, as color prints, or as slides. In order to qualify to be in the top five winning sets of photos, each photo must be of sufficient pixel quality for enlargement (at least 450 x 338 pixels with a minimum dpi of 300). Photos will not be returned.
3. Please include a brief (no more than one page) description of the site location and indicate when the photos were taken, the name of the photographer, and what is depicted in the photos. Please avoid having any recognizable persons present in the photos.
4. By entering the contest, the participant agrees to allow OMR to use the photos at its discretion (e.g., on its website, on printed materials, and in the OMR office) without any fee or other form of compensation. The name of the photographer and the mine will be referenced in all such uses.
5. Entries must be submitted by **September 30, 2007**.
6. A panel of judges will review all entries and select the top five sets of photos. In addition to Department representatives, the panel may include representatives from the mining industry, lead agencies, environmental organizations, and academia.
7. Before and after photos will be judged on the basis of their photographic quality and dramatic depiction of reclamation success.
8. The top five winners will be featured on the OMR website and in a future SMARA Update article. All photos will be displayed in the OMR office in downtown Sacramento.

Please mail contest entries to: Department of Conservation, Office of Mine Reclamation
801 K Street, MS 09-06 Sacramento, CA 95814 *Attention: Photo Contest